

SENATE RESOLUTION 119  
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Virgil John Maupin of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Virgil John Maupin; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Maupin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born March 6, 1975, in Washington, D.C., Virgil Maupin attended schools in Columbia, Maryland; he graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1997, having served as Vice President of the Pre-Alumni Association and earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. Maupin was employed in various positions in information systems and software development; at the time of his untimely passing, he was serving with acumen and alacrity as Senior Business Analyst of Asurion Insurance Services, Inc., where he had formed a large number of friendships and earned the respect of his superiors and colleagues alike for the exceptional quality of his service; and

WHEREAS, while work could easily consume his days, Virgil Maupin always found time for the fun of sports, especially his favorite football team, the Washington Redskins; he also took pleasure in music and loved to spend time with the children of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maupin always lived his life in support of others, and for the past several years, his passion had been in youth services. In 2004, he founded the *Dreams4Youth* organization in an effort to improve the life opportunities and health of underserved youth; the program provides comprehensive programs and activities to assist in their spiritual and character development, while at the same time nurturing their dreams and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Maupin strongly believed in the words of Benjamin E. Mays: "It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach." These words became the guiding message of the *Dreams4Youth* program; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Maupin will always be remembered for his beautiful smile, engaging personality, warm heart, and deep devotion to his family; his enthusiastic, loving approach to people and life will leave a legacy of compassion with everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maupin is survived by his parents, Dr. John and Mrs. Eilene Maupin, and Mrs. Linda and Mr. Victor Mays; grandmother, Mrs. Helen Williams; brothers, Victor Mays, Bryan Mays, and Hank King; sister and brother-in-law, Deanne and Sean Norman; four nieces, Ashley, Ryan, Bailey, and Clarke; nephew, Christopher, and special friend, Ayanna Dunn; and

WHEREAS, Victor Maupin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Virgil John Maupin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Virgil John Maupin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.